

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE ARDEN HOTEL, COVENTRY ROAD,
BIRMINGHAM, ON SATURDAY 2nd April 2016 AT 12.15PM**

TRUSTEES PRESENT	Mr D Marshall	Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman) – SAKA
	Mr M Abbott	Treasurer – Gloucestershire KPA
	Mr M Walker	Secretary – Leicestershire KPA
	Mrs D Abbott	Gloucestershire KPA
	Mrs A Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mr W Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA
	Mr J Burdett	Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr J McGann	North East KPA
	Mr R Sanghani	Royal Derby KPA
	Mr R Van Roon	Six Counties KPA
In attendance	Mr K Tupling	President
	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Office Manager
	Mrs D Blizard	Senior Office & Accounts Administrator

Plus 20 Official voting delegates (as per register), and 43 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register.

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

The Acting Chairman David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 462 Apologies** - were received from: David Spensley – St Helier & Surrey KPA, Robert Price – Six Counties KPA, Jack Cogman – South Eastern KPA, David Errington – Tyneside KPA, Jackie Fisher – Royal London KPA, Kate Balfour – Coventry & Warwickshire KPA, Christine Walker – Royal Derby KPA and Sharon Orpen – Dudley KPA.
- 463 Minutes of the AGM held on 28th March, 2015** - It was proposed by Angela Beale Bristol Area KPA, seconded by Alison Blezard South East Scotland KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 464 Matters Arising** - None
- 465 Annual Report** – David Marshall read out the opening paragraph of the 2015 Annual Report and mentioned other key issues. After the May 2015 General election Timothy Statham had managed to get 106 MP's to join the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPKG). NHS England's proposed downgrade of dialysis commissioning was rebutted, this was excellent work. Proposed cuts of 15% to dialysis tariff payments were resisted by NKF and APPKG, this was an example of the good work of the APPKG. David Marshall had attended an appeal meeting of NICE in Manchester on 30th March 2016 regarding immunosuppressant's, the meeting was all about cost cutting with the patient coming second. Various representatives from different groups attended and Timothy Statham spoke on the behalf of NKF. It may take up to three weeks before a decision is heard from the appeal panel.
- Organs are to be harvested from A & E departments as well as Intensive care units.
- The conference was held in Reading for the first time in 2015, Denise Abbott was thanked for being Conference Chairman, her first year in this capacity. David Marshall also thanked Renal Services for their sponsorship of the 2015 conference.
- The NKF Helpline now had an extra part time member of staff, Andrea Goodall.
- David Marshall requested all to read and absorb the report. He thanked all NKF staff for all their hard work.

Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA, asked if there was any further information on the reason why the number of transplants had fallen, Timothy Statham replied there was still no satisfactory answer to this. The number of transplants 17 years ago had been just under three thousand per year and the number was still the same now. Keith Vickers Tyneside KPA had asked a transplant surgeon this question; he thought the reason for no increase could be down to the increased use of cycle helmets and the professionalism of the intensive care staff. It was proposed by Richard Van Roon Six Counties KPA, seconded by David MacDonald Wessex KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the Annual report.

- 466 Financial Report** – The Financial report had been circulated in the delegate packs, NKF Treasurer, Michael Abbott hoped all had been able to have a look at the report. He informed the meeting in 2015 Net assets were £1,169,631 compared to £1,219,951 in 2014 so there wasn't as much money. He hoped all KPA's were aware charity money was hard to come by. Peter Revell, the NKF Fundraiser was trying hard to bring in fundraising money but income is intangible and difficult to predict. It was Michael Abbotts last day as NKF Treasurer; he would be standing down for a year before rejoining the Executive committee. It was proposed by David Macdonald Wessex KPA, seconded by Angela Beale Bristol Area KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the financial report.

467 KPA Subscriptions

Proposition: To agree the level of subscription for year 2016/2017 be increased by 3%.
Proposed increase:

		From	To
		£	£
Full Members	Up to 150	260	268
Individual Membership	Up to 500	729	751
	Up to 700	932	960
	Over 700	1096	1129
National Kidney Federation Associate Members		81	83

During the year 2016/2017 no subscription shall be required from any KPA that participates in up to two NKF draws, by permitting draw tickets to be circulated directly to their individual members inside the magazine Kidney Life.

It was proposed by Alison Blezard SESKPA, seconded by Rajesh Sanghani Royal Derby KPA and agreed with one abstention to accept the increase to subscriptions.

- 468 Appointment of Accountants** – NKF recommends due to issues with the current accountants Wright Vigar, Streets Chartered Accountants now be approved as Accountants for NKF. Andrea Brown explained the issues with the current accountants, production of reports had not been timely and they had been unresponsive at times. Streets Accountants would assist the NKF in reviewing costs and charging £600 less than Wright Vigar for their services. It was proposed by Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA, seconded by Rajesh Sanghani Royal Derby KPA and agreed unanimously to appoint Streets Chartered Accountants.

- 469 Election of Officers and Executive Committee** – David Marshall announced the Officers and Executive committee members as follows:

David Marshall – Vice Chairman
William Beale - Treasurer
Denise Abbott - Secretary

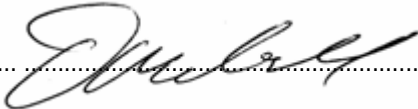
He then announced the following had been elected as Executive Committee members:

- Denise Abbott – Gloucestershire KPA
- William Beale – Bristol Area KPA
- Angela Beale – Bristol Area KPA
- John Burdett – Northamptonshire KPA
- David Davies – Queen Elizabeth Hospital KPA
- Diane Griffiths – Queen Elizabeth Hospital KPA
- Vanessa Hardy – Tyneside KPA
- David Macdonald – Wessex KPA
- Jonathan McGann – NEKPA
- David Marshall - SAKA
- Richard Van Roon – Six Counties KPA
- Michael Walker – Leicestershire KPA

David Marshall thanked all previous Executive Committee members, particularly the ones not re standing, Jim Higgins Northampton KPA, Michael Abbott Gloucestershire KPA, Rajesh Sanghani Royal Derby KPA and Robert Price Six Counties KPA. The situation of not having a Chairman will be resolved at the next meeting of the Executive committee on 7th May 2016.

470 Appointment of President – David Marshall informed the meeting that Ken Tupling had stated he was prepared to continue as President of the NKF. Ken Tupling was appointed as President in 2015. He is a tremendous asset to the Federation and the Executive Committee had no hesitation in recommending he be re-appointed for a further year.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signed Chairman Date